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SUBJECT: LA FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING

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1. I CALLED ON FONMIN FACIO YESTERDAY AFTERNOON FEBRUARY 11 TO DELIVER LETTER FROM SECRETARY AND TO PRESENT U.S. VIEWS OF MEXICO CONFERENCE PER TALKING POINTS AND BRIEFING MATERIAL PROVIDED AT GUATEMALA COM MEETING. I ALSO GAVE HIM SPANISH TEXTS OF SECRETARY'S SPEECH IN PANAMA STRESSING ITS IMPORTANCE. FACIO WAS MOST APPRECIATIVE, ESPECIALLY OF LETTER, AND PROMISED TO GIVE ME HIS THOUGHTS ON SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS WITHIN A DAY OR TWO FOR TRANSMISSION TO SECRETARY.

2. ON OUR BASIC, CONCEPTUAL APPROACH TO THE MEETING AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO INITIATE A NEW DIALOGUE WITH LATIN AMERICA AND TO TRACE OUT A BROAD NEW UNDERSTANDING ON PRINCIPLES AND DIRECTIONS IN THE HEMISPHERE--RATHER THAN ATTEMPT TO REACH IMMEDIATE SETTLEMENTS ON SPECIFIC ISSUES--FACIO IS IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT WITH US. HE ALSO AGREES THAT CONFERENCE SHOULD CLOSE WITH A FORMAL DECLARATION OF SUCH PRINCIPLES.
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3. FONMIN HAS NO FINAL WORD AS YET AS TO WHETHER HE
WILL BE ASKED TO MAKE OPENING LA SPEECH. RABASA'S ABSENCE
IN EUROPE, HE SAID, HAS DELAYED THIS DECISION. FACIO
FRANKLY EXPECTS THAT VASQUEZ CARRIZOZA WILL BE CHOSEN AND
HAS TOLD MEXICAN AMBASSADOR THAT HE WILL DEFER TO VASQUEZ.
FACIO SPEECH AT CLOSING SESSION REMAINS A POSSIBILITY.
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